

Bio - Kristin Decas

CEO & Port Director
Port of Hueneme, California



A Leader in Maritime-based Trade, Transportation and Infrastructure

A proven leader, Kristin Decas repeatedly demonstrates her ability to build vision and implement strategy through open, collaborative processes that foster results. Since beginning her tenure with the Port of Hueneme in February 2012, the Port has realized several successes. Tonnage totals reached significant new milestones with cargo growing over 20%, from 1.3 million tons in FY 2012 to over 1.65 million tons in FY 2019, marking the Port's strongest sustained trade years since its inception in 1937. Over \$55 million in infrastructure improvements are advancing on Kristin's watch, including the installation of shoreside power for refrigerated cargo ships and a harbor deepening project that will also re-nourish local beaches. Kristin championed the first Port Banana Festival in 2012, an annual event now drawing over 12,000 visitors to the Port. Kristin served as the President of the California Association of Port Authorities (CAPA) representing California's 11 deep water ports. Kristin was the first woman to run both the Port of New Bedford in its 50-year history and the Port of Hueneme in its 84-year history. In 2015, she was elected to Chair the American Association of Port Authorities, the 4th woman to hold the post in the Association's 107 years. Kristin received her bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Vermont and a master's degree in environmental policy and law from the University of Denver.

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